CBI investigation into Vijay Tandon murder case

2472. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Vijay Tandon murder case of Damoli (Madhya Pradesh) has been investigated by the Central Bureau of Investigation;

(b) if so, what is the date on which orders for investigation of the said murder case were issued and when was the investigation started;

(c) whether report of the investigation has been received; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Initially the investigation into the case was conducted by the Madhya Pradesh Police. The consent of the Government of Madhy Pradesh for investigation by the CBI was accorded on 22-4-1983. The investigation by the CBI began on 24-4-1983.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Capture of prisoners and US-Supplied Arms from Pakistani troops

2473. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether during encounters with Pakistani troops the Indian army had captured some prisoners or arms etc., supplied to Pakistan by US, thus establishing and confirming the use of US-supplied arms against India;

(b) whether this fact has been brought to the notice of US; and

(c) what has been the reaction of that Government to these sinister moves by Pakistan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Dose not arise.

भोपाल में यूनियन कार्बाइड संबंधी घटना

2474. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वैज्ञानिक और औद्योगिक अनुसंधान परिषद् के अधिकारियों ने भोपाल में हुई यूनियन कार्बाइड संबंधी घटना के बारे में उपलब्ध कुछ भी वैज्ञानिक जानकारी किसी को भी न देने के आदेश जारी किये हैं ;

(ख) क्या ये आदेश परिषद् के क्षेत्राधिकार के अन्तर्गत आने वाले सभी वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान संस्थानों को जारी किये गये हैं; और यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) उपयुक्त आदेशों के कारण जनता में पैदा होने वाले भ्रम को दूर करने के लिये क्या उपाय किये गये हैं ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय तथा महासागर विकास, परमाणु ऊर्जा इलेक्ट्रानिकी और अन्तरिक्ष विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिवराज पाटिल) : (क) वैज्ञानिक तथा औद्योगिक अनुसंधान परिषद् के अधिकारियों को सूचित किया गया है कि गोपनीय स्वरूप की सूचना किसी को न दी जाय।

(ख) विषैली गैस रिसने से संबंधित तथ्यों और गैस रिसन के परिणामस्वरूप जीवन प्रणाली पर पड़ने वाले प्रभावों के कुछ पहलुओं पर वैज्ञानिक खोज कर रही संस्थानों द्वारा इन निर्देशनों का पालन किया जा रहा है। न्यायालयों में कानूनी मामलों के रूके होने के कारण और वैज्ञानिक खोजों से पूर्व अपरिक्व वक्तव्यों को टालने की दृष्टि से यह गोपनीयता आवश्यक है ।

(ग) खोजों के पूर्ण होने से पूर्व सम्मति के परिणामस्वरूप भ्रान्ति टालने के लिये उपाय विशेष रूप ये लाभदायक समझे जाते हैं।

Review of Freight Equalisation Policy

2475. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the policy of freight equalisation for iron and steel, the telescopic freight rate for movement of coal, in the absence of similar measures in other vital industrial inputs have affected the industrial growth in the eastern region, particularly in West Bengal ;

(b) whether there is any likelihood of any revie w of the said policy soon;

(c) if so, the time by when a review is likely to be made ; and

(d) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) It is difficult to attribute industrial growth in a particular region/ State to freight equalisation policy. The telescopic freight structure applies to the movement of all commoditics by rail including coal.

(b) to (d) The National Transport Policy Committee, having wider terms of reference, examined the issue of frieght equalisation and endorsed the view that freight equalisation in industrial commodities did not meet the desirable objective of dispersal of economic activity. The Committee submitted its report in 1980 and recommended that existing schemes of freight equalisation be phased out gradually. The Government have already agccepted, in principle, the recommendation of this Committee to phase out gradually the existing freight equalisation scheme in respect of goods like steel and cement subject to subsidisation of transport for remote, inaccessible and isolated areas. Phasing out of freight equalisation will have to be done over a suitable period of time so that the industries concerned have sufficient time for adjustment in the prices. Modalities and time phasing of the withdrawal of the freight equalisation scheme in respect of iron and steel have not yet been finalised. No proposal for review of the telescopic freight structure for coal is envisaged.

Computer Literacy Programme in Schools

2476. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the latest assessment of computer literacy programme in schools;

(b) whether the target of schools for introduction and running of the said programme has been reduced and if so, to what extent; and

(c) what schemes are being launched to manufacture software for educational programmes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE, (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Assessment of Computer Literacy Programme (CLASS Project) in